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W. W. Jackson

William W. Jackson, yard master of the Northern Central Railroad, Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Marysville, October 11, 1827. He is the son of the late **Lyman** and **Mary (White) Jackson**. On the father's side, **Mr. Jackson** inherits the well known characteristics of the Scotch-Irish, while from his mother, he received the mixed blood of her English and German ancestors.

The **Jackson** family first settled in Massachusetts, but later, **Lyman Jackson**, father of **William W.**, with his two brothers, **William** and **Hubbard**, moved to Chemung County, New York. Some years later, **William** and **Lyman Jackson** removed to Perry County, Pennsylvania, where the two brothers met and married two sisters, **Lyman** marrying **Mary**, and **William**, **Elizabeth**, daughters of **James White**, of Perry County. **Hubbard Jackson**, meanwhile, had remained in New York, where **William** after a time joined him; there, after a long and useful life, **William Jackson** died.

Lyman Jackson, father of **William W. Jackson**, after his removal from New York, passed nearly all of his life in Perry County. He was an able and efficient school teacher; and, when not teaching, he was engaged in boating on the Susquehanna River, and in the construction of keel-bottomed boats. This useful life was prematurely cut short, as he was accidentally killed in 1831, while managing a boat. Of the five children of **Mr. Jackson**, but two survive: **William W.** and **Mary Ann**, widow of **David H. Stabler**. Those deceased were: **Melinda**; **Jahial**; and **Margaret J.** (**Mrs. Henry Musser**). **Mrs. Lyman Jackson** married, secondly, **John A. Humes**, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, and had two children: **Sarah A.** (**Mrs. P. J. Nevins**), of Marysville; and **Lyman A.**, of Harrisburg, who married **Annie Butt**.

With the exception of ten years, the entire life of **William W. Jackson** has been spent in Marysville. He received his education in a select school and in the common schools of Perry County and, during his school course, he proved himself an earnest and persistent seeker after knowledge. Leaving school, at the age of fourteen, he learned with his stepfather the blacksmith trade, at which he worked for two years. In 1843, he was employed on **Charles Hiester's** farm, in Dauphin County, where he continued for three years. From 1848 to 1850, he was engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal. He assisted in grading the road-bed of the

Pennsylvania Railroad when that railroad first penetrated into Perry County, and remained in the same employ for ten years. Since March, 1859, he has been employed by the Northern Central Railroad Company, rendering service of the most faithful and efficient nature.

William W. Jackson was married, October 22, 1860, in Dauphin, Dauphin County, Pa., to **Miss Catherine M.**, daughter of **Levi** and **Mary (McKenney) Adams**, of Dauphin County. Their children are: **Levi Allen**, deceased; **Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. George Tuckey)**, deceased; **Emma Alice (Mrs. R. Q. King)**; of Hoboken, N. J.; and **Sarah Catherine (Mrs. J. William Flickinger)**, of Harrisburg.

Mr. Jackson's sound common sense was never more clearly shown than during the thirteen years he has served as a director of the public schools, and as a member of the borough council. During this period, his chief aim was to improve the educational advantages, and to promote in every possible way the welfare of the borough. He is a charter member and past noble grand of Marysville Lodge, No. 590, I. O. O. F., was its first master, and first representative to the Grand Lodge of the State, **Mr. Jackson** is an ardent Democrat. He has served as judge of election board for three terms, has been a member of council, and for thirteen years, of the school board. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. By his integrity, his fidelity to duty, and his stern, uncompromising sense of right, **Mr. Jackson** has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

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